

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

April 20, 1948

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida was held on April 20, 1948 at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall and upon roll call the following members were found to be present, constituting all of the members of the Council:

Mayor
President
Councilmen

- Mr. James T. Hennegan
- Mr. Martin L. Pulcher
- Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.
- Mr. R. H. George
- Mr. G. A. Mavon
- Mr. William A. Mentzer

There were also present:

Attorney
Deputy Town Clerk

- Mr. Francis M. Miller
- Mr. Fred G. Gamer
and several visitors

Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, the President of the Town Council, acted as Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Fred G. Gamer, Deputy Town Clerk, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, thereupon called upon the Secretary of the meeting for the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 1948 and the special meeting of the Town Council held on April 6, 1948. The Secretary of the meeting requested the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, who acted as Secretary of these two previous meetings, to read the minutes. After the reading of these minutes, the President of the Town Council, Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, when no objections or corrections were offered, declared the minutes approved as read.

Mr. Francis M. Miller, the Town's Attorney, at the request of the Deputy Town Clerk who had been very ill, also read the Deputy Town Clerk's Cash Report for the month of March 1948.

When no objections or corrections were offered, the President of the Town Council declared this Cash Report approved and ratified and ordered attached to these minutes.

The office of the Town Clerk was then discussed and the Council was advised that Mrs. Irene Noble, the Town Clerk, had moved from the Town of Golden Beach and was no longer a resident of the Town of Golden Beach.

Upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman William A. Mentzer, the office of Town Clerk was

thereupon declared to be vacant. This motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor thereupon appointed Mrs. William A. Mentzer as the new Town Clerk. The Council unanimously approved this appointment.

A discussion was then had as to the amortization of the proposed bond issue of \$25,000.00.

Bond Election, for the purpose of determining whether or not there shall be issued bonds of the Town in the sum of \$25,000.00 for payment of the cost of a municipal building, having been called for May 11, 1948, the following resolution was thereupon offered:

"WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, held on the 6th day of April, 1948, an election was ordered to be held in the Town for the purpose of voting upon whether or not the Town should issue bonds in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars for the payment of the cost of the Municipal Building to be erected in the Town, and

WHEREAS, there are a large number of qualified electors who are entitled to vote at said election, but upon survey of the Town it is found that approximately a majority of the qualified electors will be out of the Town on May 11, 1948, and will be unable to express themselves according to the democratic principles as provided by the laws and Constitution of the State of Florida,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the Resolution of the Town Council passed on the 6th day of April, 1948, calling an election for the 11th day of May, 1948, to be held in the Town of Golden Beach, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and it is ordered that said election be not held at the date specified in the former Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk be directed to make a poll of the qualified electors for the purpose of determining when there will be a majority of said electors in the Town who are entitled to participate in the election and that they report the same to the Council at its first meeting in November, 1948, so that the election may be called during the season of the year when all of the qualified electors may have an opportunity to express themselves."

This Resolution, upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, upon being put to a vote, was unanimously carried.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, thereupon called to the attention of the Council that the rate of interest of these bonds should be determined before the

Bond Election is again called in accordance with the Resolution just passed.

It was discussed that the bonds bear interest not exceeding 4%; that such interest should be payable annually and that the bonds should come due over a period of twelve years with the first bond due in two years from the date of issuance. Upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon and seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., such terms were unanimously approved with the exact interest percentage to be determined at a later meeting.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon asked for authorization for the advertising of the delinquent 1947 Town of Golden Beach taxes and the Tax Sale.

Upon motion by Councilman R. H. George, seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and unanimously carried, the Tax Collector was authorized to advertise the delinquent 1947 Town of Golden Beach taxes in the Miami Beach Times for four (4) consecutive issues of June 11th, 18th, 25th and July 2nd, 1948, said Tax Sale to be held on Monday, July 5th, 1948 under the laws of the State of Florida.

Upon motion made by Councilman G. A. Mavon and seconded by Councilman R. H. George, the Deputy Town Clerk was authorized to advertise in the Miami Beach Times the meeting of the Board of Equalization, said Board to meet for three (3) consecutive days beginning July 12th, 1948, said meeting to be advertised in the Miami Beach Times in the issues of June 18th, 25th and July 2nd, 1948 with the proviso that no application shall be considered by the Board of Equalization unless it is submitted in writing to the Deputy Town Clerk at his office, 1110 Pan American Bank Building, Miami 32, Florida, at least five (5) days prior to the meeting of the Board of Equalization.

The Mayor, Mr. James T. Hennegan, the Finance Commissioner, Mr. R. H. George, and the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Fred G. Gauer, thereupon presented Tentative Budget for the year commencing November 1, 1948 and ending October 31, 1949. The proposed Budget was reviewed by the Town Council and the Deputy Town Clerk was instructed to make two slight corrections in the Budget, one being reduction in the interest on \$25,000.00 of bonds to cover a period of six months instead of one year - since these bonds will probably not be voted on until January, 1949; and the other being an adjustment to contingencies, increasing such amount from \$500.00 to \$818.59.

The Budget, as so revised, is in words and figures, as follows:

BUDGET - YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 1948 TO OCTOBER 31, 1949

Upkeep of the Parkways, Waterlines, etc., including one half Superintendent's Salary and Workmen's Wages		\$10,000.00
Police Radio Service		600.00
Water Consumption		800.00
Repairs of Bridges, Streets, Electric Lines, Loggia, Town Hall, etc. (Current)		1,000.00
Police Service - Payroll (\$8,850.00)		9,000.00
Lighting		1,000.00
Upkeep of Police Equipment, including Replacements		2,000.00
Upkeep of Trucks, Mowers, etc., including Replacements		1,500.00
Gas and Oil		1,250.00
Telephone		- 0 -
Insurance		625.00
Printing, Postage and Publication Charges		125.00
Legal Expenses		600.00
Town Clerk		1,800.00
Audit		200.00
Contingencies		<u>893.59</u>
Total Regular Budget		<u>\$31,393.59</u>
Reserve for Water System (Hydrant Rental)		\$ 3,723.50
Reserve for Permanent Street and Bridge Improvements - Certificates of Indebtedness:		
Principal	\$5,000.00	
Interest on \$15,000.00 at 3% payable during the period April 1, 1948 to October 31, 1949	<u>600.00</u>	5,600.00
Interest at 3% on \$25,000.00 Bonds 6 Months		<u>375.00</u>
Total Debt Service and Reserves		<u>\$ 9,698.50</u>
Total Budget		<u>\$41,092.09</u>

Upon this Budget, so revised, being presented to the Town Council in its finished form, on motion of Councilman R. H. George and seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, said Budget was unanimously approved.

The Tax Assessor was thereupon instructed by the Town Council to continue the policy followed in former years and assess each house in the Town of Golden Beach at the uniform assessed value of \$120.00 for

Total assessment

the purpose of stimulating building in the Town, and the Tax Assessor thereupon presented the Assessment Roll for the year 1948 showing the net valuation of taxable property on that basis of \$1,719,456.00.

This Assessment Roll, upon proper motion, seconded and unanimously carried, was unanimously approved by the Town Council.

The Tax Assessor thereupon requested that the millage for said roll be fixed. Thereupon Councilman R. H. George moved, which motion was seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, that the millage be set at 21 mills. This motion was put to a vote by the Deputy Town Clerk and the Council's votes were recorded as follows:

Councilman George H. Draper, Jr.	- Aye
Councilman R. H. George	- Aye
Councilman G. A. Mavon	- Aye
Councilman William A. Mentzer	- Aye
Council's President, Martin L. Pulcher	- Aye

The motion was then declared to be unanimously carried.

The Tax Collector was authorized and instructed to again allow the following discounts for prompt payment of taxes:

During November 1948	- 4%
During December 1948	- 3%
During January 1949	- 2%
During February 1949	- 1%

The water situation was then again discussed at great length and the Deputy Town Clerk called the attention of the Town Council to the fact that the Town now has in its water system fund the sum of \$7,447.00 and that another \$3,723.50 would be added to this fund during the fiscal year November 1, 1948 to October 31, 1949, the Town Council having authorized the setting aside of all Hydrant Rentals in this fund beginning with the year 1946.

The Mayor thereupon discussed the need for additional electric lighting in the Town, and the question of attaching the street lights to telephone poles, which had previously been decided upon but had not yet been done due to the Town's inability to obtain proper brackets.

The Mayor further discussed the many interruptions of lighting which the Town experiences, and it was suggested that the Deputy Town Clerk write a strong letter to the Florida Power & Light Company protesting this condition.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon offered to see the Manager of the Florida Power & Light Company, Mr. Dave Bosworth, a friend of his of long standing, to see whether something could not be done in this way without entering into an official squabble with the Light Company.

The Mayor then reported that the water bills of the Town of Golden Beach - which covered practically nothing but leakage because

very little water - for the quarters ended November 1, 1948 were in the amounts of \$346.44 and \$215.25,

y Isles Water Company now is negotiating with the for a new franchise, through the Town's Attorney, r, the Deputy Town Clerk suggested that these two to Mr. Miller and that he be requested to seek a these bills in connection with these negotiations.

In L. Pulcher thereupon reported on the lack of of properties in the Town of Golden Beach facing Waterway and the Canals, and the consequent damage erosion.

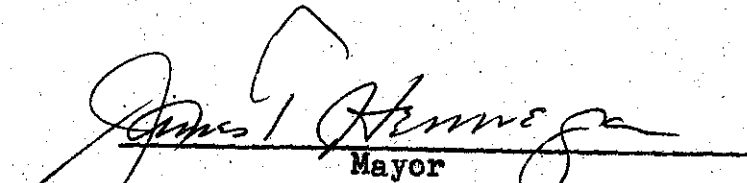
orney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, thereupon called to Town Council that the Charter of the Town author- len Beach to undertake this work and to charge the respective property owners.

Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by ge, the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, ted to draft a letter calling attention of the wners to such provision in the Charter, and to r that such seawall on the premises of the respect- must be built on or before May 1, 1950, or that ll be done by the Town and the cost assessed e property owners; also advising them that such in conformity with the Town Engineer's specifi-

Clerk was instructed to cause this letter to erty owners owning property facing either on the or on the Canals.

. Mavon and Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. were committee by Chairman Martin L. Pulcher in order ngineer to determine such specifications.

further business to come before the Town Council,



Mayor

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - MONTH OF MARCH 1948

Balance -			
In The First National Bank of Miami			
March 1, 1948		\$22,906.33	
Cash in Transit as of February 29, 1948			
Deposited March 1, 1948		<u>130.38</u>	\$23,036.71
<u>Receipts - Month of March 1948:</u>			
<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>			
1947 Taxes Collected			\$ 2,017.04
<u>Other</u>			
Pay-as-you-go Tax Withheld	\$	63.80	
Court Fines		519.00	
Tax Sales Certificates Redeemed:			
For 1944 Taxes	\$	14.83	
1946		<u>96.19</u>	
Total		\$111.02	
Interest Thereon		<u>16.66</u>	127.68
Building Permits			200.00
Cleanup Bond Deposits	\$100.00		
Less: Refunds	<u>50.00</u>		50.00
Certificates of Indebtedness		<u>15,000.00</u>	15,960.48
			\$17,977.52
Less: Disbursements			<u>18,124.08</u>
			146.56
Balance of Cash to be Accounted For			<u>\$22,890.15</u>

<u>Cash Accounted For</u>			
In The First National Bank of Miami -			
March 31, 1948:			
General Operating Fund	\$11,649.00		
Permanent Improvement Fund	3,268.13		
Water System Fund (1946 and 1947 Hydrant Rental)	<u>7,447.00</u>	\$22,364.13	
Cash in Transit March 31, 1948			
Deposited April 1, 1948		<u>526.02</u>	
Total Cash Accounted For			<u>\$22,890.15</u>

Total 1947 Tax Roll	\$30,741.74	Percent to Total
Less: Taxes Collected to March 31, 1948	<u>7,851.59</u>	100.00%

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

MONTH OF MARCH, 1948

Contribution - Anti-Consolidation Fund		\$ 400.00
Gas and Oil		108.64
Landscaping Upkeep:		
Salaries and Wages		
Other	\$777.50	
Legal	<u>16.55</u>	794.05
Lighting		150.00
Miscellaneous		90.79
Permanent Improvements - Streets		7.80
Police Radio Service		15,500.00
Police Services		50.00
Postage		737.50
Printing and Stationery		5.00
Repairs and Maintenance:		15.50
Police Equipment	\$ 26.93	
Other Equipment	51.12	
Rest Rooms	57.08	135.13
Telephone and Telegraph	\$.30	
Less: Receipt from Telephone Company	<u>3.96</u>	3.66
Town Clerk		<u>133.33</u>

TOTAL

\$18,124.08